



Notices Sunday 21st April, 2024

Easter 4

Welcome to The Bridge church. If you are a visitor you can find out more about the life and ministry of the church by visiting our website www.thebridgeredditch.co.uk or by following our facebook page or X (formerly Twitter) account.

DARLING BUDS OF MAY

Headless Cross Community Orchard have invited The Bridge to run a tea tent at the May Fayre on the Green on Monday 6th May between 11am and 3pm. If you can help please have a word with one of the stewards or Wardens by next Sunday.

BLUEBELL BONANZA

Great news! Peckwood will be open again this spring so that we can admire the beautiful array of bluebells. Peckwood will be open from Monday 29th April to Wednesday 8th May, please see overleaf for full details of opening times.

SUMMER SENSATIONS!

"The time has come," the Administrator said,
"To talk of many things:

of holidays and family events, and other exciting things,
like why the sea is ALWAYS wet,
and why seagulls like ice cream..."

Yes, time to start thinking about the summer rota. Please drop Rosie an email at thebridgeredditch@gmail.com and advise her of dates when you are **NOT** available for the glorious summer months of June, July and August - when all being well, the weather will be lovely, the sea will be clear of pollution and the gulls will forget that they like ice cream. I can dream...

SAFEGUARDING FIRST

The Diocese will be taking part in a Safeguarding Audit. As part of this members of churches are invited to take part in a survey which should take 10-15 minutes to complete. Information supplied will be anonymous and confidential. If you are able to help by taking part in this the survey can be accessed at <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/worcester/>.

The survey is open until 1st May.

READING RUTH

Revd Becky Elliott, Dean of Women's Ministry, will be leading the first of three sessions focusing on books in the Bible named after their female main character, on the Book of Ruth. The event will be held on Zoom on Tuesday 23rd April from 12.30 -1.30pm.

Booking essential to receive the Zoom invite:

<https://forms.office.com/e/cK4cKDz5eh> Subsequent sessions will focus on the Book of Esther on 15th May and the little known book of Judith. part of the Apocrypha on 4th June.

COME AND HAVE A GO!

You have the exciting opportunity to try your hand at creating a bird collage next Thursday (25th April) at 10am in the small hall. All materials will be provided. Maybe you don't feel very arty, but have you ever tried collage? Come and have a go!

To find out more please contact Maureen Brown

mobrown1@virginmedia.com

Sunday 21st April—Easter 4

10.30am Morning Worship with Revd Ruth Wilson
Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23,
1 John 3:16 to end &
John 10:11-18

Collect for 4th Sunday in Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sunday 28th April - Easter 5

10.30am Morning Worship with Deacon Gwyn Bamford & Jackie Hartrey
Acts 8:26 to end
Psalm 22:25 to end
1 John 4:7 to end
John 15:1-8

6.00pm Easter Offering Dedication Service—Methodist Women in Britain at Bromsgrove Methodist Church Centre

Online Evening Prayer

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

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Safeguarding

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We are also on facebook and X (formerly twitter)@bridgeredditch

ANNUAL 'THANK YOU'!

Thanks to everyone who has taken time to write and submit a reports for the AGM. It is very encouraging to read about all the excellent work that is happening in different areas of church life. A copy will be arriving in your inbox before the end of the month. A few paper copies will also be available for those who do not have access to a computer & printer.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

Monday 22nd April

10.00am Toddlers

Tuesday 23rd April

10.00am Exercise Class in the Hall

10.00am Holy Communion at Astwood Bank

10.30am Seeds & Saplings @ Peckwood

12.30pm Lunchtime Learning - Reading Ruth held on Zoom - booking essential

2.00pm Quest

6.30pm Girls' Brigade

Wednesday 24th April

10.30am Holy Communion in church

11.00am Wandering & Wondering @ Peckwood

2.30pm Everywoman

Thursday 25th April

10.00am Charity Shop

10.00am 'Have A Go' Community Arts in the Small Hall

10.00am Holy Communion at Crabbs Cross

1.30pm Crafty Thursday

7.30pm Kingfisher Quilters

Friday 26th April

10.00am Charity Shop

6.30pm Boys Brigade

Saturday 27th Apr

10.00am Kingfisher Quilters

MIDWEEK COMMUNION RETURN

Please note that Midweek communion restarts this week.

STREETS OF SMETHWICK

Everywoman's Circle are in for a treat at their meeting on this week, when Mary Bodfish will be talking about The History of Smethwick.

PERE CAM 24

Worcester Cathedral Peregrine Cam is back online again. You can watch all the action in and around the nest high up in the cathedral at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHVU7ZFfyuM>

MORE THAN WELCOMING

Revd Inderjit Bhogal will be running an online session giving guidance on how to engage with South Asian communities on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm. Please book your place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/more-than-welcoming-engaging-with-south-asian-communities-registration-776334787247>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon	29 Apr	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
Tue	30 Apr	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
		7.30pm	More Than Welcoming - on Zoom
Thur	2 May	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
Sat	4 May	10.00am	Genesis Study Day at Trinity Meth Ch Kidderminster
Sun	5 May	4.00pm	Forest Church at Peckwood
		6.00pm	Peckwood open until 9.00pm
Mon	6 May	9.30am	
		12noon	Wandering & Wondering @ Peckwood
Tue	7 May	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
Wed	8 May	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
		11.00am	Wandering & Wondering @ Peckwood Church AGM
Thur	9 May		
Wed	15 May	12.30pm	Lunchtime Learning - Exploring Esther held on Zoom - booking essential
Thur	16 May	11.30am	Wardens & Stewards
Sat	18 May	9.00am	Circuit Consultation at Studley Methodist Church
Tue	4 June	12.30am	Getting to know the Book of Judith—Zoom—booking essential.
Wed	26 June	7.30pm	Church Council at No.71

IS IT YOU?

Following the announcement that Julian Grubb is stepping down as Churchwarden at the AGM in May, we need to elect a new Churchwarden, but what exactly does a warden do?

- ◆ Buildings, make sure they are looked after and the grounds are well-cared for
- ◆ Records - ensures these are kept up to date and the property of the church is looked after.
- ◆ Ensure services run smoothly,
- ◆ Supports the clergy as required

Churchwarden's don't have to do everything themselves, because there are lovely people in the church to help them. For further information speak to Father Glenn or Brian.

ARCHDEACON RESCHEDULED

Last October, Archdeacon Nikki Groake was scheduled to visit The Bridge. Unfortunately Archdeacon Nikki was suffering from Covid and was not able to attend. The visit has been rescheduled for **Sunday 5th May** at 10.30am. Please make a note of this date in the diary. It would be really good if we could have a full church to welcome the Archdeacon. We want Nikki to see what a vibrant and exciting church we have!

If you have any questions about the proposed reorganisation to the Anglican churches in Redditch, then it would be a good opportunity to ask them.

Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way leads to an endless hope.

SUPPORTING THE LIFE & MINISTRY OF THE BRIDGE

We realise that many of you will want to make a donation to the life and ministry of the church, but many of us do not carry cash. Good news - there are other ways to give. You can scan the QR code or go to our website <https://www.thebridgeredditch.co.uk/> and click the link at the top of the home page which will provide details of the church bank account as below.

The Bridge Church Sort code 40-43-54 Account 81604015

Please put ref as "QR (then your name or leave blank)". If you would like your donation to go to any specific use, then please email our treasurer terry.bill@blueyonder.co.uk and let him know.

It would be useful if a few people could trial this new system and let us know how you get on.

If you prefer more traditional methods of payments you are still able to make donations by cash or cheque.

Cash donations are particularly welcome as we can reclaim Gift Aid even if you are not a tax payer. For further information speak to our Treasurer, Terry Bill. Thank you for supporting the life and mission of The Bridge.

